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Judge Jones was appointed to the bench in 1996 by President Clinton. Prior to his appointment he was engaged in the private practice of law, primarily as a civil litigator. He is a graduate of Duke University and the University of Virginia Law School and is a former state senator and president of the State Board of Education. Since 2004, he has been the chief judge of the district.

The Western District of Virginia covers a large geographical area, with courthouses at six places in the district. Judge Jones' chambers are located in the federal courthouse in Abingdon, Virginia, a town of 7,500 located in southwestern Virginia, near the Tri-Cities metropolitan region of Bristol-Kingsport-Johnson City, Tennessee.

The court's docket contains the usual mixture of civil and criminal cases. In the last year in which full statistics are available (2006), there were 450 pending cases per active judge in the Western District of Virginia, which ranked it 39th among the 94 districts in the nation in this category, and 4th among the nine district courts within the Fourth Circuit. The number of trials completed per active judge was 30, which ranked it 14th in the nation and 3rd in the Fourth Circuit.

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